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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Plans

SUBJECT: FE Division Historical Program

REFERENCE: DDP Memorandum 72-1420, dated 31 March 1972, "The CIA and the CS Historical Programs"

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1. In response to the guidelines in referenced memorandum, FE Division's current historical program will be reduced by the end of FY 1972. Two station histories, those on the [REDACTED], are in the final stages and will be finished. They are scheduled for completion during the first quarter of FY 1973.

2. In view of the new focus on histories established by your memorandum, we shall redesign our history program to cover major FE activities. You have indicated that "The War in Laos" and "The Vietnam War" are among the titles which should be considered under the new program, and we agree. We now have in the Division's holdings 21 historical monographs on various aspects of the Agency's activities in Vietnam and three on its operations in Laos. Pertinent information from these papers would be included in the war histories of these countries.

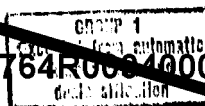
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3. We believe another worthwhile title for consideration, and one that we have previously suggested, is the history of the [REDACTED] program, including its domestic aspect, the [REDACTED] program. We are now examining other major Division activities for possible inclusion in the new history program.

4. It is apparent that the histories of the war-related activities in Laos and Vietnam will be major undertakings. Referenced memorandum noted that reduced personnel ceilings and overriding priorities will in the future limit the number of qualified staff employees available to work on

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histories. It also informed us that after the new Agency and CS historical programs have been formulated, consultations will be held with the Divisions to discuss the selection of titles and writers, and that in the future a limited number of annuitants will be re-hired as historical writers under the new program. We wish, therefore, to defer definite plans for these and possibly other histories pending the results of these discussions.

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